



Letter from our Club President

Does it really matter?

Suppose two friends decide to play a match. One of you favors using the forward tees, while the other wants to play from the back tees. Can you still have a fair match?

Of course you can. The USGA's Handicap System allows players to use separate tees, yet still compete on an equitable basis. Normally, two players will have different Course Handicaps, so one player receives strokes from the other in a match. But what happens if each golfer plays from different tees? The golfer playing from the more difficult tees (those with a higher USGA Course Rating) receives extra strokes as well.

For example, Snoopy is playing Woodstock at Beagle Haven Country Club. Snoopy, who has an 11.6 USGA Handicap Index, plays from the more difficult Beagle tees with a higher Course Rating of 73.5. Snoopy checks the Course Handicap Table located at the clubhouse and finds he has a Course Handicap of 13 today. Meanwhile, Woodstock plays from the easier forward tees with a lower Course Rating of 70.9. Since Woodstock has a Handicap Index of 17.8, he checks the Course Handicap Table and finds he has a Course Handicap of 20 that day.

Normally, Uncle Snoopy would give Woodstock seven strokes ($20 - 13 = 7$). But, in this instance, Uncle Snoopy's Course Rating is 2.6 higher than Woodstock's Course Rating ($73.5 - 70.9 = 2.6$). A decimal of .5 or more is rounded up, so 2.6 becomes 3 and Snoopy gives Woodstock only four strokes instead of seven because Snoopy is playing from more difficult tees.

So, when competing from different tees you have to do two things: 1) Look up your Handicap Index on the Course Handicap Table to find your Course Handicap for the set of tees you play that day and compare it to your opponents total for his or her tees; the player with the higher Course Handicap receives strokes; and 2) Compare your Course Rating for the set of tees you play with that of your opponent for the set of tees he or she plays; the golfer playing from the set of tees with a higher Course Rating receives the number of strokes equaling the difference between the two Course Ratings

The USGA's Handicap System allows you to compete on an equitable basis with your partner, even if you both play from different sets of tees. Remember, it's okay to move to the forward tees one day or the back tees the next. Just choose the set of tees where you'll have the most fun and play away, please!

I don't think so.

As you just read, the USGA has things figured out if you want to play from a different tee box. Whether you're playing in a match, on a team or just on your own...your handicap can be adjusted accordingly. Why am I writing this? The idea of players in the Men's League choosing a different set of tees than the rest of the field has been brought up...a few times. You will soon be seeing a survey that will ask, "If allowed, would you choose to play from the white tees at all men's league events?"

From the Desk of our PGA Professional

The details around how to implement such a change are still up in the air. Should anyone be given the option to play from the whites? Only someone with a handicap above 12? Do you have to be over a certain age? What if you can only hit a tee shot 175 yards? The details around how to implement such a change are still up in the air. Should anyone be given the option to play from the whites? Only someone with a handicap above 12? Do you have to be over a certain age? What if you can only hit a tee shot 175 yards? Anyway, start thinking about what you may want to do and let your voice be heard.

Eastwood Men's Club President – Greg Snider

From the Desk of our Eastwood PGA Professional

After 8 months, I finally have been able to take my jacket off as we've seemed to have broken the cold streak. Wow! What a relief. I want to personally thank those of you who helped with the installation of the split rail fence on hole #12. I really think it looks great. We now have the challenge of funding the next fence which will go up the right side of hole #17. Please purchase an Eastwood Calendar and we will see that project completed before you know it.

Saturday, June 7th we are hosting the 2nd annual Habby's Classic. All proceeds for this event go to the Rochester First Tee Program. This is their biggest fundraising effort, thanks to Men's Club member Eric Habberstad. The event is a 1:00pm shotgun with the format being a 4-person scramble. The band Incognito will be playing after golf and dinner. The charge is \$75.00/player. Please join us for a great day and support a great cause. Junior golf is our future.

I would like to take this time to thank Golf Course Superintendent Dave Brudwick and his staff for an excellent effort so far this spring. Dave and his staff have battled another horrific spring. Eastwood is in great shape thanks to their efforts.

I would again like to thank all of you for your patience with a very busy High School Golf Season. The high school teams were also very frustrated as a lot of their meets were cancelled and rescheduled. They also had to battle the elements that we all have this year. The Three Rivers Conference, the Section 1A, and Section 1AA (2 days) all held their state qualifying meets here at Eastwood this May. They love the way we prepare the course for competition. Have a great golfing summer.

Your PGA Professional – Jeff Gorman

June Event – Seattle Slew Memorial

Our second event, scheduled for Sunday, June 1st is a Horse Race Tournament dedicated to Seattle Slew, arguably the greatest racehorse of all time. With an **8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**, this event features four man teams where the three best net scores of the team on each hole count. Each player in the group plays his own ball. After the hole is completed, write your gross or actual score in the proper column. Subtract the handicap strokes (*designated by dots*) you are given to get your net score. The Horse Race point values are as follows –

Net Bogey - 1 Point
Net Par - 2 Points
Net Birdie - 3 Points
Net Eagle - 4 Points
Net Double Eagle - 5 Points

Add together the best 3 of 4 points and write the point total at the bottom of the card.

FIELD EVENTS:

Hole #1	Longest Putt	Handicap (20+)
Hole #6	Longest Putt	Handicap (15-19)
Hole #11	Longest Putt	Handicap (10-14)
Hole #18	Longest Putt	Handicap (0-9)

***** **Net Skins Game Wagering Available Before the Start of Play** *****

The June event is a **FOOD Event**. A meal will be served after play provided by the staff of the Eastwood Grill. This meal is part of your Eastwood Men's Club membership dues. You will also receive one drink ticket from your Team Captain. Your drink ticket can be redeemed at the Eastwood Grill **bar only** – drink tickets will **not** be accepted at the on course drink cart.

Event sign-up should be completed by Thursday, May 29th to allow the golf staff time to make appropriate pairings.

From the desk of the Assistant Pro

What a crazy spring we have had, as I write this the weather seems to be finally turning towards summer. I am looking forward to junior golf camps that are coming up in June, you can sign up by email, stopping in or calling the pro shop for details.

The 64 man and 4 ball match play brackets are posted and matches are underway. For those of you new to the event, we ask that you contact your opponent and set up a time and day to play. This is one of the few times you can book a tee time more than 5 days in advance. Please call the Pro Shop and tell us who is playing, what time, and day so we can have scorecards ready for your matches.

Mini events will be starting May 22nd and run for 16 weeks. We alternate between the front and back 9 as well as partner and team events. Please call to make tee times and when you call tell us who is playing with you, also on team event days if you could tell us who the partners are it would be greatly appreciated. By doing this it will help me get scorecards ready and the mini events will run smoothly. The cost each week of the mini events is \$3.00, also you must play with another Men's Club Member to be eligible to participate in the mini event. If you are a single player you can always call the pro shop and we will do our best to pair you up with someone so you can play in the event.

Let's get the good weather going and play a lot of golf this year.

Drew Muhich

Assistant Golf Professional

Habby's Classic

Saturday, June 7th – 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

\$75 per Player

**Golf & Dinner
then**

The Band Incognito

Men's Club in Action - Split Rail Fence

Starting in the spring of 2013, Shorty Kinsley started a fund raising campaign for a split rail fence to line the cart paths of holes 12 and 17. You see, apparently some people mistake "golf cart" with "all-terrain vehicle" and to prevent the deterioration of the holes, it was decided that the best "path" to pursue would be to block the carts from leaving the path. Thanks to your donations, whether it was from passing the hat or money put into the 50-50 drawings, enough money has been raised to buy and install the split rail fence along the cart path of Hole 12.

The fence was installed on Saturday May 10th and it looks great. If you haven't had a chance to see it in person, please be sure to check out the pictures included with this article. Note, that there is a gap for walkers to pass through as well as a chained off section (up by the drop area) to allow handicap accessibility if necessary.

Your commitment to the Eastwood Men's club has made this possible and our pride in making Eastwood an ever improving course continues to show. However, we are not done yet and funds need to be raised to put up a split rail fence along the cart path of Hole 17 as well. The Men's club will continue to raise money for this project through the 50-50 raffles at our events. We would like to thank you for your participation because when projects like this come together, the Eastwood Men's club dedication to this course is really noticed.

As a final note, if you see any of the following members, make sure to thank them for volunteering their time and skills to install the split rail fence:

-Galen "Shorty" Kinsley

-Frank Silker

-Don Hameister

-Ray Legrand

-Paul Pharis

-Steve Hjortness

-Carl VonWald

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